(c) whether Government propose to review their decision in the matter and provide some relief to the persons having telephone connections for personal use and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Rentals for telephone connections under Measured Rate System only have been revised with effect from 1-4-1988.

Complete details are given below:—

	Exchange Capacity	Bimonthly rentals (Rs.)	
		Old	New
1.	Less than 100 lines	125	No change
2.	100 lines and above but below 1000 lines	125	140
3.	1000 lines and above but below 10,000 lines	125	160
4.	10,000 lines and above but below 30,000 lines	150	200
5.	30,000 lines and above but below 1,00,000 lines	175	250
6.	1,00,000 lines and above but below 3,00,000 lines	200	300
7.	3,00,000 lines and above	200	330

The increase became necessary primarily to meet the rising operational and maintenance cost of the telephone system and to raise resources for developmental outlays.

(b) As per the existing policy of the Department, no distinction is made in rentals for domestic/personal and commercial purposes.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration in view of the existing policy of the Department.

Prices of Pyarantel Pamoate formulations

3719. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) On what consideration Pyrantel Pamoate has been put in OGL when it is being produced in the country by more than three companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of formulations based on this drug have been fixed based on bulk drug price at Rs. 1250 per kg.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the bulk drug is being sold at Rs. 650 per kg.;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which the consumer is being over-charged through the leader prices to the extent of Rs. 600 per kg. and the connected MAPE of Equivalent amount; and

(e) what arrangements exist to ensure that in such situations benefit is passed on to the consumer promptly?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Import Policy is determined by the Ministry of Commerce after taking into consideration various recommendations and factors. The same principle applies to drugs also.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.